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TO : The Files

DATE: 4 April 1958

FROM : [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Trip Report [REDACTED]

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1. A conference was held with the officials of [REDACTED] on 18 March in connection with the [REDACTED]. The conference was for the primary purpose of discussing the sectionalizing of parabolic reflectors for pouchable Agency use as a means of simplifying security and transportation problems. This action was initiated as the result of memorandum No. SPM 8-078, dated 19 March 1958. Those present were as follows:

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2. Since the [REDACTED] is in the business of cutting up spun metal parabolic reflectors, it is felt that they would be a good supply source to meet expedited delivery schedules, and solve problems of meeting an urgent SPD requirement within a possible four week period.

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3. [REDACTED] representative, indicated that they could cut up a 4' or 6' parabolic dish and package it in two cases, each case size 20" x 20" x 12". Simple azimuth indicators and tripod arrangements could also be supplied. The cost of each reflector would be about \$400.00 a dish and about \$200.00 for each standard feed covering a specified frequency range. The required length of transmission line and connectors would be added to the costs. The delivery of two dishes could be made within 4 weeks. It should be pointed out that this supplier can furnish this equipment at much lower cost and in less time than [REDACTED] price of over \$6,000 and six months delivery for similar equipment.

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4. A [REDACTED] representative was present for the sole purpose of being a source through which this equipment could be ordered, if required to do so on expedited basis. This procedure provides a quick means of obtaining the material which would otherwise be considerably delayed by the time consuming procedures of obtaining security clearances and establishing basic contracts with [REDACTED] officials.

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5. [] also makes a very efficient low loss (advantages of air dielectric) semi flexible aluminum transmission line usable up to 16 KMC. The company also supplies special connectors for this type of transmission line that do not require the use of special installation tools. This type of transmission line would be very efficient and versatile in use with the parabolic reflectors assemblies in temporary field installations.

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6. [] is also in the business of supplying packaged parabolics, and could be regarded as a second source of supply.

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